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My Bible — My Church — My Flag

Editorially Speaking

E. L. Simmons, Editor

Christian America

MANY are the times that this title has been used with reference to our nation, but many, and especially among the ministry, have objected to the title on the grounds that there is so much evil and total disregard for God and godliness in the country. But the whole nation must not be judged by those who are evil and who have plunged so deeply into sin, any more than the Church is to be blamed for and judged by those of its members who are untrue to its principles of government, its doctrine and teachings.

It is a great consolation to know that the United States has not forgotten those principles which have made her a nation, and even in the time when conflict from the outside is staring her in the face, and it becomes necessary to have a selective draft service, that the officials of the nation can respect the conscientious belief of all of those who have interpreted the Scriptures as forbidding them to go to war against their fellow man. It is greatly consoling to know that under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, provision has been made for the conscientious objector and his rights are upheld and protected by the Congress of the United States in the passage of said act in the official attitude of those in charge of the Selective Service System and by the executive order of the President of the United States. Officials of the Selective Service System have expressed their concern that this provision of the Act should be interpreted with sympathy and intelligence, even though they, or members of local boards, do not agree with the position taken by conscientious objectors.

A memorandum read at a meeting of all state directors in the Selective Service System late in December gives their attitude and reads in part as follows, dated December 10, 1940:

"The Congress of the United States, in the passage of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, recognizes the importance of individual conscience in a democracy and made provision for deferment from combatant military and service of those registrants judged by local boards to be sincere in their conscientious opposition to participation in war. The Act specifically provides consideration for all such persons on a basis of their individual conscientious convictions, and does not require membership in a religious organization or sect as evidence of the sincerity of their conviction.

"Local boards should make an attempt to understand the viewpoint of those registrants who claim deferment from military service on the grounds of conscientious objection and to see that all sincere persons receive proper classification. . . . . ."

On December 16, 1940, President Roosevelt signed an executive order defining the branches of the Army which are considered as noncombatant and providing for assignment of those who conscientiously object to war to accept such service in the order in which their numbers are called by local boards. The executive order reads as follows:

"Definition of Noncombatant Training and Service:

"1. By virtue of authority contained in section 5 (g) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, approved September 16, 1940, whereby it is provided:

"Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to require a person to be subject to combatant training and service in the land or naval forces of the United States who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form. . . . I hereby declare the following military service is noncombatant service:

"(1) Service in any unit which is unarmed at all times.

"(2) Service in a medical department wherever performed.

"(3) Service in any unit or installation the primary function of which does not require the use of arms in combat, provided the individual's assignment within such unit or installation does not require him to bear arms or to be trained in their use.

"2. Persons inducted in the military service under the above act whose claim to exemption from combatant training and service because of conscientious objection has been sustained will receive noncombatant training and be assigned to noncombatant military service as defined in paragraph one.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt."

These excerpts show that our country is more democratic than ever and that it is the desire of those in authority to grant full liberty of conscience and religious freedom to its citizens.

A pamphlet which shows the complete status of the conscientious objector under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 may be had by sending 5c in stamps to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tenn.

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Beneath the U. S. Skies

We look in reverence at the skies,
So peaceful, calm and still.
Yet there are clouds so gray and low
Held by the Master's will.

How long? how long? Oh, may it be
Forever, is our prayer.
We trust those skies, so quiet now,
To keep forever fair.

No soaring planes, no screeching bombs,
No flame or crashing sound,
No life is hurtling to its death
Upon our U. S. ground.

No shot or shell to rend the night,
With hissing flight, that spells
Such sudden death along its way,
Where peace hath safely dwelt.

So let us all unite in prayer,
And not in slumber lie,
But ask our God to safely keep,
That peace in U. S. skies. —Viola Bunker.

My Bible, My Church My Flag

By LAURA ADRENE SANDERS

O Book that frees the human soul
From sin and shame, live on;
Thou art destined to stand unscathed
When kings and thrones are gone.
Be thou our arsenal today,
Eternal Sword of God.
Let all our nation wake to know
The path our fathers trod.

Though famine walks unchecked abroad
To starve the human soul,
Illumine hearts, O Light of God;
Speak peace from pole to pole.
Thou hast declared, "Arise! Anoint!"
So shake the sleeping prince;
Cause him to grip the shield of faith,
Though all the world stands tense.

The Church of God knows not that fight
Which slays its fellow man,
But never have the brave of earth
Outstripped her fighting plan.
Move to the front on knees, my Church,
Your victory is sure;
Our Captain has ordained that hell
Shall not defeat the pure.

And thou, Good Flag of Liberty,
Wave on for Freedom's cause;
Preserve our nation in her strength,
Her statutes and her laws.
My Flag, my Bible, and my Church,
Earth's greatest trinity.
Dear Lord, do bless America
With lasting liberty.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

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An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

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"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," **Matt. 24:32.**

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

A recent news dispatch says that "The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem over the site of the stable where Christ was born has been converted into a military fortress to aid in the defense of the Palestinian holy places." A picture accompanying the article shows soldiers, fully armed, marching around the "pill boxes" that dot the holy spot. Thus does the present war draw ever nearer the geographical sites so dear to the hearts of Christians everywhere. Damascus, another familiar name to Bible readers, is figuring largely in the news. As this article is written the British troops are fighting valiantly to enter the city. Damascus will be remembered as the scene of Paul's entrance into the Christian religion.

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The sinking of the Robin Moor, American steamship by a German submarine, is a very live topic of discussion by newspapers and radio commentators. The Germans do not deny the charge of sinking the vessel. They admit, in a round-about way, their guilt in the matter. Instead of a denial, they boldly said they would sink other ships if they appeared headed for enemy territory. If America undertakes to keep her ships at home we will be laying down the age-old doctrine of freedom of the seas. If she continues to permit them to "sail the seven seas" she will be in constant danger of attack. What to do? That is the problem of the President. Pray that he may have divine guidance in these critical times.

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The First North American Inter-Church Conference, representing thirty-five denominations, met last week in Toronto. Their purpose? To make arrangements for the peace and social security of the peoples of the earth after the present war is over. It is strange the way the ministry of some churches get themselves all hot and worried about the proper operation of this planet after the war shall have ended. It is the writer's opinion that when this war ends, it will be ended by the PRINCE OF PEACE.

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According to the AMERICAN HEBREW, a school has been opened in Kamenets-Podolsk for the training of "Red Rabbis." Their task will be to preach to the Jews in the newly acquired Soviet territories, and to endeavor to harmonize Soviet doctrines with the principles of the Jewish religion. A good name for the places in which these "Red Rabbis" will preach might be "The synagogues of Satan." Rev. 3:9.

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The German controlled government of unoccupied France has adopted another tactic of their conquerors. They have declared that no longer may a Jew practice medicine, law or any of the other professions. Only those of "Aryan blood" may practice. They are barred from holding office, from voting or taking part in any political affairs. Why? Because they are Jews. The French people are a kindly, democratic people. They are a peace-loving people. A Frenchman can hardly hold hatred and malice in his heart. Yet, they turn against the Jews. Why? The spirit of the antichrist marches on!

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Outcroppings of racial prejudice are cropping out here in America. The writer has heard several times in recent days that the JEWS were planning on getting America into the war against Germany. Even Congressmen openly state it from the floor of the House of Representatives. They point that so many key positions in the government today are held by Jews. The President's close personal advisers are Jews. What of it? If any people on earth should be and are loyal to the government of the United States it is the Jews,—the one haven in all the world where they can serve God according to the commandments of Moses and be at peace.

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An article in LIFE by American Ambassador to Belgium, John Cudahy, paints a picture of life in that unhappy land. "Belgium is hungry. Of 8,400,000 Belgians, more than 8,300,000 are living on starvation rations. In nearly every Belgian home there is cruel suffering. Some 2,000,000 young Belgians will be cursed the rest of their lives by stunted and impoverished bodies, weakened and degenerated brains and discolored, embittered characters, unless relief comes soon. Brussels is a city of walking wraiths, but the main worry is not about grown people. What is of greatest concern is the blighting, killing influence of poverty and want and terrible hunger upon the rising generations. They are developing rickets, edema, partial blindness, bronchial pneumonia, tuberculosis, pellagra, eczema and anemia." I have quoted enough. The Hoover committee declares that conditions such as exist in Belgium are common throughout the conquered countries everywhere. Poland, Hungary, Austria, Holland, and all the rest of the conquered nations go to bed each night with a gnawing hunger in their stomachs. JESUS SAID IT: FAMINES!

In Need of Church Building

BAXTER, Tenn.—I feel burdened this morning to request prayer for Baxter. We are having Sunday school in a garage. When it was organized some of the mothers said, "I have not been going to Sunday school because I could not dress fine enough. I would be made fun of." Oh, thank God for the Church of God that every one is welcome in.

Pray that we will have a place here to have Sunday school and prayer meeting. Oh, how God is blessing. The Willing Workers Band is working on getting ground on which to build. The devil is trying to discourage us but, praise God, I have a greater determination to do God's will and work for Him than ever before. We feel the effect of the prayers of God's people. I feel God's presence this morning. We also wish to have a revival. Pray earnestly for this place.

I think back six months, since Sister Annie Kilgore organized the Willing Workers band, and oh, God has blessed! Please pray that we will get a church house.—Mrs. Lizzie Maynard.

Lord Blessing

I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying me and because I belong to the Church of God. I have a determination to meet Him in heaven. I thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing the meetings that the young people have been having on Saturday afternoons. Please pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost and that many souls will be saved in these meetings.—Miss Hazel Brady, Rt. 1, Omega, Ga.

Liberty --- J. H. Walker, General Overseer

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," 2 Cor. 3:17.

There is nothing that appeals to mankind more than liberty, yet nothing so detrimental to human society if it is not directed in the proper channel. There are two kinds of freedom — the *false*, where the man is free to do what he likes; and the *true*, where a man is free to do what he ought. Today as we celebrate, we look backward through the pages of history and see our forefathers as they met in Congress on July 4, 1776, and signed the Declaration of Independence. We see them earnestly and bravely facing the conflict before them, choosing liberty rather than bondage; and our hearts are touched by their stirring words, a portion of which is given below:

"THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION of the thirteen united STATES OF AMERICA.

"When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness . . . "

Liberty is the state of being exempted from the domination of others or from restricting circumstances, freedom. The Hebrew words *deror* and *rahabb* and the Greek word *eleutheria* mean liberty. Liberty is the opposite of servitude or bondage, hence applicable to captives or slaves set free from oppression.

Morally, the power which enslaves is sin (John 8:34), and liberty consists not simply in eternal freedom, or in possession of the formal power of choice, but in deliverance from the darkening of the mind, the tyranny of sinful lusts and the enthralment of the will, induced by a morally corrupt state. In a positive respect, it consists in the possession of holiness, with the will and ability to do what is right and good. Such liberty is possible only in a renewed condition of soul, and cannot exist apart from godliness. Even under the old testament godly men could boast of a measure of such liberty (Psalm 119:45), but it is the gospel of Christ which bestows it in its fulness, in giving a full and clear knowledge of God, discovering the way of forgiveness, supplying the highest motives to holiness and giving the Holy Spirit to destroy the power of sin and to quicken to righteousness. In implanting a new life in the soul, the gospel lifts the believer out of the sphere of external law, and gives him a sense of freedom in his new filial relation to God, hence the New Testament expressions about "the glorious liberty" of God's children (Romans 8:21; Gal. 2:4; 5:13, etc.), about liberty as resulting from the possession of the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:17), about "the perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). The instrument through which this liberty is imparted is "the truth" (John 8:32). Christians are earnestly warned not to presume upon or abuse their liberty in Christ (Gal. 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16).

Liberty is the fullest opportunity of man to be and to do the very best that is possible for him. This, the oldest and dearest phrase of men, has been perverted; it has been distorted and mystified; but the term really means, as stated above, the fullest opportunity to be and to do the very best that is in his personal nature to do and to be. Genuine liberty, therefore, is found only in a surrender to a higher will. All created things, even those we know to be freest, are subject to law and rule and order. The wind and storm fulfill God's appointed work. The waves of the sea have their bounds set beyond which they cannot pass, for God is a God of order. In the world of politics, the freedom of a nation, such as ours, does not mean that its citizens do as they please in everything.

In the true home where family life is seen at its best, there is the perfect model of freedom. There the children do not think and act just as they please. Order, rule, method, direction are all well known, valued, and acted upon. The liberty of the family is the simple, natural, unconscious blending of the father's mind with that of his children and the children's will with that of their father's, the instinctive correspondence of their hearts, the sympathy of their aims, the union of their interest. The children obey; but their obedience is not dreary and dull, for their father's mind and the father's wishes express what they increasingly know to be their own true mind and their own best good. The freedom of children just means this: the power to obey gladly.

Christ exemplified in His own life and conduct the highest liberty. He came to do not His own will but the will of His Father. He was under authority, under orders. That was one side of His life, but the other side was one of glorious freedom, for His own will and the Father's will made perfect harmony. His good pleasure never once crossed or clashed with His Father's good pleasure, for they were one. Every step that He took was the step of a free man. Every act that He did was done willingly of His choice. He was not compelled to be poor; He elected to be poor. He was not compelled to suffer hunger, hardships, loneliness, man's spite, thankless toil, and tears. He could have escaped all that, but He took it by deliberate choice, cheerfully. He was not compelled to lay down His life on the cross. He was master of death and could have turned it aside. Of His own will He let men slay Him with cruel hands, not because He must, but because He freely gave Himself. The whole charm of His life was its willingness. The glory of it was its freedom. He walked and worked and taught and healed and suffered just as His own glad, great, loving Spirit led Him.

We have no longer tables of stone but fleshly tables; and as Christ obeyed His Father, we are therefore to follow wholly the commandments of Christ. They may seem grievous at times, but remember that the rails upon which the train travels may be rigid, yet they mean safety and carry us into otherwise inaccessible lands.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The Spirit of the Lord is everywhere, but He is especially in those who believe in Christ. The believer is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and therefore in Christians alone is true freedom to be found. There is no other place where this genuine liberty may be found. The eternal Spirit still gives this liberty. No social or state emancipation can give real liberty to an enslaved soul, and no tyranny of state or society can enslave a soul that has been really freed. "Ye shall

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My Sermonette

Florence Schumaker

LIFTING UP MY HANDS

"Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I LIFT up my HANDS toward thy holy oracle," Psa. 28:2.

There was once a young man who attended a Holy Ghost meeting. He afterward confided, "They went to the altar, and lifted up their hands in a strange manner." Yes, it does look strange, no doubt, to one who has never even thought about it before. Perhaps it looked strange to see Moses' hands held up hour after hour, that victory might come to the children of Israel.

In court the hand is uplifted to signify an affirmation of what is being said, even as David said, "My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved," Psa. 119:48.

There is something about lifting the hands in prayer that simply cannot be put into words. It is the last step that one can take in drawing nigh unto God. Just as a babe looks up to his father and lifts his little arms upward to meet his father's outstretched hands, even to the point of stretching in eager anticipation of being given immediate attention, so may we. Hallelujah!

A woman who had been prayed for and with for many years, afterward declared that the time when she at last yielded to God and was really saved, was the instant that she put her arms upward toward heaven. You can't do any more than that, beloved. Lay your all upon the altar, then like Abraham, lift up your hands, as an agreement that you have done your part. Lift them as high as possible, until you touch the hem of His garment and the work is done. "Let my prayer be set before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." Praise the Lord. Try it, it works. God will make you accepted in the beloved in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Eph. 1:6, 7.

When you willingly raise your hands up from the things of this world, you then can no longer hold on to them. From that moment you are free. One thing in your hand would hinder the height to which they should rise. Your fingers would have to be bent to surround the object, but, beloved, lay aside every weight; stretch farther than the normal reach, reach out in your emptiness and seek the Lord, if haply you might feel after Him, and find Him.

A feeling after God will not be in vain,

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NOTICES

From the Field

The state convention of the Church of God in Michigan will convene at Pontiac, Mich., in the Eastern Junior High School Auditorium, Pike and Sanford Streets.—E. O. Kerce, overseer of Michigan.

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Anyone having friends or relatives at the following army camps (Hitchcock and Ellington field), I will be glad to visit them if you will furnish me with their names and addresses.—E. M. Smith, 1404 Allston St., Houston, Tex.

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Rev. I. H. Presley, formerly General Secretary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, is in a revival at the Church of God at Lancaster, S. C.—K. D. Beaube, pastor.

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The Ontario provincial convention will convene in Windsor, Ont., in the Church of God in Christ building July 21, 22. This is a new building that was erected at a cost of $12,000. It has a basement where meals will be served. Ministers and their families will be entertained free; others will pay 10c for breakfast, 12½c for other meals. Beds furnished free as long as they last. Brother R. P. Johnson will be present, also some of the best preachers in Michigan, D. V. Be here for the first service Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.—M. L. Lowe, overseer of Ontario, Can.

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Porter M. White and H. W. Hambright are no longer ministers or members of the Church of God.—J. D. Bright, overseer of South Carolina.

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To whom it may concern: This is to notify you that the ministerial authority of Paul P. Carpenter has been revoked by the proper authorities and he is not in any way connected with the Church of God.—M. L. Lowe, overseer of Ontario, Canada.

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District Convention

The Lubbock, Tex., district convention will convene June 20-22. R. M. Nolen, district pastor.

Special Notice and Request

Our Editor has just been called to Florida to be at the bedside of his father, Rev. H. B. Simmons, who is seriously ill. He will be out of the office indefinitely. The Church at large is requested to earnestly pray for the recovery of Brother Simmons and that God may bless and comfort the loved ones. — *Irene Wales, secretary.*

Question Box

The Editor

Question: In some of the old Bibles there is a group of books known as the Apocrypha. Do you consider these books inspired? If so, why are they not in the new Bibles? If not, why are they in the old Bibles? Are they authoritative as to history? For instance, as to the doings of Antiochus Epiphanese.—*R. H.*

Answer: The Apocrypha is a name given by Saint Jerome to a number of books which, in the Lxx, are placed among the books of the Bible, but which, for evident reasons, do not belong to the sacred canon. The term is also applied to writings of the New Testament times which claim to be inspired but which are spurious. The Old Testament Apocrypha has an unquestioned historical and literary value, but has been rejected as an inspired book for the following reasons: 1. The entire absence of the elements which give the genuine scriptures their divine character, such as their prophetic power and their poetic religious feeling. 2. The presence of imaginative creations which it presents as historic truth; fiction and legendary literature. 3. The literary dishonesty seen in the presentation of great names, such as Daniel, Solomon, and Jeremiah, as the authors of works which they could not have written, and in the insertion of formal documents as authentic which are certainly fictitious. 4. Historical inaccuracies with which the books abound. They are all written either during the captivity or subsequent to it and form the historical link between the Old Testament and the New. The above is from the People's Bible Encyclopedia. The story of the Bible, its origin, its assembly, the apocryphal books which some have desired to enter into it, the different translations, etc., are sufficient to compose a large book. It seems that before the New Testament era the Jewish canon was finally fixed by Ezra and "The Great Synagogue." From that time to the present it has remained unaltered. The Christian Church accepted the Jewish canon of the Old Testament without rejecting any of the books. The only change was by way of classification.

Since Saint Jerome placed fourteen of the apocryphal books in his translation, it seems that they continued there until the Protestant reformation, after which they were left completely out as uninspired books. First and Second Macabees are valuable for the history they give of the struggle of the Jews against the civil and religious tyranny of the Syrian kings during the heroic period ending B. C. 135.

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The Flying Colors of My Other Country

EVANGELIST DOROTHY DAKE

In the early dawn of civilization, man felt the need of some token to distinguish family from family and tribe from tribe. Symbols therefore, known as "standards," were adopted. The earliest national symbols were figures worked in metal, wood or stone, borne at the top of a pole or spear. Standards of this character were carried into battle by the Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Assyrians and Romans. The soldier having his country's ensign, symbol or standard atop his spear, thus lifted up his standard against the enemy. It can be understood then, how inspiring and comforting to Israel must have been the prophet's words, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him," Isa. 59:19.

Time has registered the downfall of many a standard-bearer, and the funeral of several empires, but there is a glorious kingdom now existing within the kingdoms which can never fall. There are no defeated soldiers therein, for the Spirit of God lifts up the standard. The Kingdom of God can never perish. That, thank God, is my *other* country.

That the road leading to Heaven is a battleground cannot be denied even by the most spiritually inclined among us. The enemy will often come in like a flood, but the Spirit is willing to lift up the standard as often as the fights come. It is possible to reach Heaven with the same number of victories as battles.

While symbols on spears or poles were the ancient standards, the standards of today are the banners or flags of the nations. The word "flag" derived from the Anglo-Saxon "fleogan" means to float or fly in the wind.

Of all the Independence days we Americans have thus far approached, this is one which should blend our sober thinking with rejoicing as we see our Stars and Stripes still floating in the breeze, every ripple the banner makes whispering "liberty and freedom for all." A beautiful banner she has been from the start, because she stood for the sublimest of all mankind's privileges—his freedom. I wish I might have been permitted to catch my breath in excitement at seeing the first one unfurled. John Fiske, the historian, says it was made hastily from a white skirt, an old blue jacket, and strips from the petticoat of a soldier's wife. This crude emblem of a new nation was raised above Fort Stanwix in August, 1777. It wasn't the old jacket and the petticoat that made that flag beautiful; it was the liberty it stood for and heralded against the skyline.

Under the shadow of our country's majestic national banner, the Church of God can hope to meet in another glorious General Assembly. If some of the present European flags were atop our governmental buildings today, we could not hope for this precious liberty.

Besides being Americans, we are members of an invisible kingdom, with matters of our temporarily invisible King to attend to, and beneath the flying colors of this, our native land below, we are permitted to look after the business of our *other* country. I am not detained by my government whenever I care to talk about the flying colors of my *other* country, and thank God, there is nothing in my religion, as in some, to check me from a whole-hearted salute to the best flag in the world. Instead of hindering me in religion, pure and undefiled, it protects me while I tell as many as I can about my heavenly city, its rivers and trees, its priests and thrones.

On July the 4th of this year, I shall thank God for America and Heaven, for the Stars and Stripes and the Blood-Stained Banner, which in fancy I see (with eyes tightly closed) atop the golden pinnacle of a far-off throne room where dwelleth the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Reverently on Independence Day I shall remember the man over whose grave the U. S. Government keeps a flag floating continually, and recall the exciting and touching events which gave him (Francis Scott Key) the inspiration to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." The events will merit repetition at this time.

After the burning of Washington, D. C., by the British soldiers in August, 1814, an American doctor was, for an offense, arrested by an English regiment and taken as a captive aboard a warship in Chesapeake Bay. Francis Scott Key, an attorney, and another man were granted permission by Secretary of State Monroe, to intercede for the doctor, and these two boarded the vessel just as it was preparing to bombard Fort McHenry, the chief protection of Baltimore. British officers agreed to release the offending doctor but refused to allow the Americans to leave the vessel until after the battle, lest they tell of British plans to those on land.

On Tuesday, September 13, the bombardment began, continuing that day and almost all night. To Key and his companions, it seemed impossible that the fort could survive the attack, as its guns were small and its defenders were few. All night the three Americans walked the deck in anguish, and even when dawn came could not discover the outcome because of haze and smoke. Suddenly, at 7 o'clock a rift in the mist showed for a moment the flag gleaming over the walls. Thrilled by the sight, Key wrote:

"Oh! say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Where is the American who cannot be stirred by these words and the circumstances which surrounded their birth? And where is the Christian who cannot remember that the Blood-Stained Banner and many of the songs pertaining to it have likewise been born out of battles of the severest kind? Praise God, there has never been a battle so hard or so long, but what at the end the soldier of the cross could see through the smoke and mist that the colors of his *other* country were still floating in the wind, the emblem of an undefeated kingdom—the glorious everlasting Kingdom of God.

These are days when overnight the proud flag of a nation can

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The King Resplendent

Ethel King

"Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion," Ps. 65:1.

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," Eph. 3:14.

There are no depths like God's great love and mercy;
There are no heights that even can compare;
There are no lengths to which a soul can hasten,
No widths to measure heaven's gate so fair.

Boundless the ocean of His grace eternal,
Matchless His care for every sinner freed,
Endless His patience to a praying nation,—
Ever present help in time of need.

Honor to this King of kings resplendent!
Praise and power to His majesty!
Crown Him Lord of lords! Fold wings, ye angels!
Sage and saint, bow low on bended knee!

Convention News

Cobbtown, Ga., District Sunday School Convention

Praise the Lord for our convention in which we were privileged to have our beloved state overseer, Brother A. V. Beaube, and family and our Sunday school superintendent and family, besides several ministers, all of which made a convention fine. On Sunday morning Brother Douglas brought an interesting message which everyone enjoyed. In the afternoon Brother Beaube brought the message.

Dear saints, pray for me as I am not privileged to attend church much. Pray that I will be an overcomer and be ready to go at all times.—Lora Dowd.

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Coffeyville, Kans., Dist. Convention

The Coffeyville district convention convened at Coffeyville, May 2-4, and truly God met in a wonderful way in every service. Our beloved state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, was in charge. The first service was given to the young people; Sister W. E. Volk is their state superintendent. How God did bless both young and old. Brother H. W. Pugh, our beloved pastor at Coffeyville, certainly is a precious man of God. Truly we have some precious ministers in Kansas. Brother Collins, of Independence, brought a wonderful message to the young folks. Brother and Sister Fairier did some wonderful singing, also many others. Brother Fairier gave a wonderful message. Brother Henry gave a precious missionary address and took a mission offering of over $100.00, and, of course, our precious beloved Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, was with us and truly we all love him. He always gives such wonderful messages. Brother Eason, our district pastor, gave a wonderful message. God met with us in such a wonderful way in every service, for which we praise the Lord. Brother Durbin, of Pittsburg, was with us and gave a message. Truly we praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in the State of Kansas this year. —Cora Crossman, 402 Spring St., Coffeyville, Kans.

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Montana State Convention

The state convention of the Churches of God in Montana, which convened at the Church of God in Lewistown, Mont., May 8-11, is now history, but the memory of it and the inspiration received will live long in the hearts of those who had the privilege to attend. Our good state overseer, Brother John Sharp, was in charge of the convention and the Lord was with us in a great way from the beginning to the end. We were very glad to have had Brother R. P. Johnson with us again this year. The people of Montana look forward to his yearly visits with keen anticipation and they have never had any reason to be disappointed as his messages and words of encouragement are always uplifting and edifying to all.

The convention began Thursday evening. After a good song service the writer gave the welcome address and responses were given by Brother Glenn Clark of Harlowton and Sister Elsie Savchenko of Missoula, after which Brother Sharp delivered a good sermon.

Friday morning we had a sermon by Brother Preston Sanders of Billings, also a sermon by Brother R. P. Johnson. In the afternoon service we had a sermon by Brother Max Brandt of Bigtimber, also a sermon by Brother Glenn Clark. The Lord met with us in a great way in the evening service. We had a healing service and a sermon by Brother R. P. Johnson. Saturday morning Brother George Savchenko of Missoula delivered a good sermon, after which the writer brought a message. At the afternoon service Brother Glenn Clark gave a talk on the Church of God Evangel and Brother Wm. Pospisil brought a message. The evening service was given over to the young people with Brother Wm. Pospisil, state Y.P.E. president, in charge. Talks were made by several and the service was greatly enjoyed. Sunday morning we had a praise service, followed by a message on "Missions" by Brother R. P. Johnson, after which the offering was taken, amounting to about $340.00, which was by far the largest mission offering ever taken in this state. The afternoon service was given over to dedication of babies and receiving members into the church. At the evening service Brother Johnson delivered a good sermon which brought the convention to a close.

The music and singing, of which Brother Charles Washek was in charge, was exceptionally good all through the convention. Our local male quartet, the Savchenko quartet, and many others who sang solos, duets, trios, etc., proved a great inspiration. In fact, all the singers, musicians, and speakers seemed to be at their best. It seemed to be agreed by all present that this was one of the greatest conventions ever held in Montana. The work in Montana is on the upward move and we are expecting great things in the future. We have pastored in Lewistown for the past three years, during which time we have erected a nice little church building with full basement, which is valued at $3,000.00 and the church has made great progress along all lines. We have had a two hundred per cent increase in property value and around a hundred per cent increase in tithes and Sunday school attendance and a substantial increase in all departments of our church work, for which we praise the Lord. Don't forget to pray for us in the "treasure state."—Reuben H. Martin, 705 W. Evelyn St., Lewistown, Mont.

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Delbarton, W. Va., Dist. Convention

The Delbarton district convention convened June 6-8, not just another convention, but a week end of spiritual bliss, unity, fervent prayers, praises unto God, inspiring songs and soul-stirring messages.

Our district was well represented and all were pleased to welcome delegates from visiting counties and districts, as well as those from our border state, Kentucky.

Brother M. P. Cross, Brother Wallace Blair and Brother W. H. Compton had charge of the convention. A cordial welcome was given to the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, which was accepted and they remained throughout the convention.

We thank God and all the contributors for the $5.78 offering for Brother Wallace Blair, $25.78 for Brother Cross and $109.84 for missions.

It is true that the convention has closed until another year, our visiting ministers have gone to other fields, but the sermons are still lingering with us. It would be impossible to mention all the good sermons, so I shall only comment on a few. "The New Testament Church" by Brother H. L. Marcum left us all with a greater appreciation for the Church of God. All have a greater determination to stay in touch with God, thanks to Sister Cross' message on "Prayer." Last, but not least, came Brother Cross' message on "What Owest Thou My Lord?" Useless to tell how well he explained conditions and need of help in foreign fields. I think

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Clay in the Potter's Hand

"But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand," Isa. 64:8.

"Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity," 1 Tim. 4:12.

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work," 2 Tim. 2:21.

Therefore it is evident that from the scripture referred to in both the Old and New Testaments, that our sailing will not be smooth in many instances but the way of the cross is a laboring route. We have examples in the life of Christ, Paul, martyrs, and many others. Affliction is not only difficult to understand but much more difficult to endure, and in order to profit by its lesson, its divine purpose must be thoroughly understood or we shall never enjoy the rest of faith while going through the school of Christian perfection. Man creates a demand for his works and achievements along every line of endeavor by putting them on exhibition and inviting inspection. God calls the attention of sinful men bound hand and foot by the power of the enemy, to His transforming and delivering power through His own wholly yielded and surrendered instruments who represent God on exhibition before the world, and who are identified by the manifestation of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23) in order to create a demand for deliverance from every form of satanic bondage, sinful inclinations, unscriptural practices, unbelief, doubts, fears, etc., that would keep one from enjoying the scriptural rights and privileges wrought through the atoning death of Christ on the cross.

Would you like to be a vessel of honor? to be like Christ in character, in holiness? to be like Him in spirit, in love? to be like Him in purpose, in pleasing God? As a man yields his will to His divine will the work of our faith is carried on for HE is the potter and we are clay.

God sent Jeremiah the prophet down to the potter's house one day to learn an important lesson as he watched the potter at work reforming a vessel that had been marred in his hand. The marred vessel was naturally a disappointment to the potter but he did not throw it aside hopelessly, for he saw possibilities of even a finer vessel than would have resulted had his design been executed. He had skill and patience, and the clay yielded to his touch as he made it again another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it. Jer. 18:1-11.

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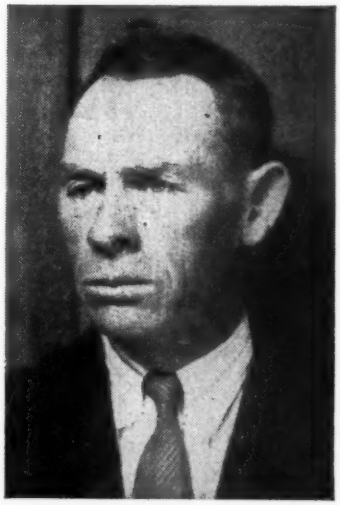

Oh, how the anointed eyes of our God can see the future possibilities of physical, mental, moral and spiritual wrecks who dare to entrust their lives into the hands of God their Maker and submit themselves patiently to His perfecting process until the work is finished. When Jesus called Peter, the fisherman, He knew all about his weakness and imperfections but He also saw him as the great hero on the day of Pentecost.

Next you see the potter take that piece of filthy, unshapen clay and submerge it in the tank of water to purify and soften it. This reminds us very much of the mourner's bench with its tears of repentance to germinate the divine seed as we ask Him to save us. Thank God for this open fountain for sin and uncleanness! Zech. 13:1. Notice the potter throw the clay upon the bench several times to purify it and to expose all lumps for removal. How it brings tears to the surface, removing lumps of hindrances, temper, criticism, selfishness, fear, persecution, resentment, etc. Many of us in prayer have said, "Lord, have thine own way," and when He wants to carry out the petition of our hearts, how we rebel against His perfecting process.

Next we see the clay purified, with lumps dissolved, taken into the moulding room where it is poured into forms and because of its present condition it assumes the form of the mould. But after it comes out it is not yet ready for the market for it must be burned to hold its shape, otherwise it would soon settle back into a lump of clay. It needs the stablizing touch of the fire to make it useful. Compare Peter in Mark 14:66-72 with that of Acts 2 and you will see the application. Some of God's children are so soft that you can't touch them anywhere except you hurt their feelings. If the pastor doesn't shake their hands or doesn't ask them to sing, play, lead or pray, they are ready to quit. Such need to go through the furnace for stablization and usefulness like all pottery and building material. Some truths need to be burned into us and for this purpose the furnace of affliction is frequently used. Lessons so learned are most sure to abide. Let us glory in tribulation also. Isa. 48: 9-11.

Then we notice the burned vessel ready for the shipping room, beautified through the touch of fire, substances that are turned to gold. Rom. 8:28. Have you ever witnessed a good-bye scene at some railroad station or dock when a missionary was ready to leave for his post? God's perfecting processes are designed to fit and qualify us to carry the gospel message to the uttermost parts of the earth. Where are we today? Still in the process of making? or are we ready for shipment with the message of life to a starving and neglected world?

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Monuments

LAURA ADRENE SANDERS

Day by day we hear their cry,
As the slow hours dragging by
Find the children of our land
Standing there with empty hand.
Leaning on the cold hard walls
Of our gallant city halls
We behold from coast to coast
Monuments of which we boast,
While the pearls of greatest price
Are to hunger sacrificed.
Price of many broken down
Who have helped to build the town.
Monuments of God are they,
He will move the veil some day
To reveal His sculptural art
Which He chisels in the heart,
Man has very foolish been,
But God loves the souls of men.

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Revival

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky.—We just closed a three weeks' meeting here with two saved, three sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We are now in a meeting at Negro Creek, Ky. Please pray for our success.—E. R. Waller, evangelist, Fork Ridge, Tenn.

Reports from the Field

New Sunday School Organized

We have just organized a Sunday school here on Golden Mt. We have good attendance and good offerings. Rev. Othie Hickey conducts it. We surely believe that Brother Hickey is a true, humble servant of God and we want you to pray that our Sunday school will be a success and that sometime in the future we will be able to get a church established for the Church of God people here on this mountain.—Mrs. Earl Price, Sparta, Tenn.

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CRAMERTON, N. C.—I am glad because we can have victory in our souls in spite of Satan. The Lord is still blessing us in Cramerton. We had our homecoming the first Sunday of June. Brother Paulk was with us and certainly preached a wonderful sermon. The Lord surely blessed.—Eunice Smith.

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RALEIGH, N. C.—I thank the Lord for the little church at Raleigh; it is a garden spot to me. I love the Lord and the Church of God with all my heart. We appreciate our Y. P. E. and enjoy the services. We appreciate our outside help. We have some good helpers who are not members of our local church, but they are real Spirit-filled people. Thank the Lord for them!

The Sunday school and preaching service are good and are a real blessing. Last Sunday night the Lord met with us in a wonderful way. Pray for us in Raleigh.—Mrs. W. F. Mann, 109 Firwood Ave.

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We have just had a wonderful camp meeting and convention. The members were really blessed. The finance was good. Brother Johnson and Brother H. L. Whittington preached soul-stirring messages. The Happy Tom quartet was there and sang some good songs. We were privileged to have Sister Walker, better known to us as Sister Blanche. She is one of our home girls and her prayers are still going forth. Keep on, Sister Walker, for God is with you.—Leavah Prather, Box 65, Cantwell, Mo.

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PEORIA, Ariz.—I praise the Lord because the good Holy Ghost abides right now. I praise Him for the Booster Band of Anadarko, Okla. When I got my Evangel that picture was the first thing I saw from my home church. Sister Mast has been a blessing to the Church of God. She is a real child of God.

We have a wonderful church here at Phoenix. We have a real band of saints. I think our pastor is a good shepherd. I want all the saints to pray for me that I will do the will of the Lord. — Alice White, Rt. 1, c/o Reens Store.

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Sacramento, Calif., Is Moving Forward

The Lord is surely blessing out here in this western state of California. About two months ago Sister Crowner sent for us to come for a revival at the House of All Nations in Sacramento. The Lord blessed from the start and a few days later she wanted me to write our state overseer, Brother I. L. Benge, to come up. She wanted to unite with the Church of God and bring in her workers. Then she moved to Stockton and left the work here with us. We kept praying for God to help us get an established place for a church in connection with this mission. The Lord has answered prayers and we now have a church organized in Broderick, just across the river from the mission. Brother Mitchell is starting the tent revival in Broderick. The people are very anxious for the services to begin. We counted our services we were holding each month and we have one hundred and two regular services at the mission and church. Sister Mercer is pastor of the church and we work together.

There are only four Church of God ministers and two exhorters, as far as I know, in Sacramento. We could use some more good consecrated help. We feed twice a day, about two hundred meals, and help get the unemployed men work. Brother Ellis, an exhorter in the church, is our cook. He donates his full time to the kitchen. We don't have any money to pay him wages, but to see him at his post of duty you would think he was well paid,—happy, contented, ready to do anything he can. We surely praise the Lord for good consecrated people to help us. The Lord supplies every meal, utility bill, building rent, clothes for the needy and clothes for our help. We stay open on faith. This is a rescue mission. Pray much for this rescue work and workers.—Brother and Sister E. L. Mitchell, 212 J. Street, Sacramento, Calif.

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WINNSBORO, S. C.—I praise my wonderful and blessed Savior for His goodness to me. He saved, sanctified, filled me with the Holy Ghost and I've been trusting Him with the healing of my body twelve years.

I thank God for our little church at Winnsboro; I love the dear old Church of God. We all love our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister W. R. Craven. They certainly are faithful to our church. A large number have been added to the church since Brother Craven has been here and he is still doing a good work. We thank God for such a good pastor.

We had an all-day service at the church Sunday, June 8. We heard three wonderful messages. We also had communion and feet washing Sunday night. God came down and blessed our souls and we are still praising Him for it.

I ask each and every saint to pray for the divine healing of my body. I don't seem to be doing as well as I should. I have been trusting God with the healing of my body all these years and I know He can heal me. Please pray that God will touch my body and I will be healed, if it is His will. Pray for me that I will always be true to God and be submissive to His will at all times.—Mrs. L. S. Croft, Rt. 1.

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LEPANTO, Ark.—A large crowd attended our home-coming and mission rally the third Sunday in May. A nice mission quilt was sold for $25.00 in the morning mission offering and presented to our beloved state overseer and wife as a gift, Brother and Sister Burroughs. The church at Lepanto has made nice progress the past year. Our building is now completed; it has hardwood floors and nice light fixtures. It is 56x36 feet and has a nice water supply. Brother W. C. Howard and wife are in charge of the church work.

N. and S. Dakota Convention, July 3-6 at Minot, N. Dak.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD—Continued

The Church of God in Grand Turk Island, B. W. I.

Dear Saints of God, greetings to all. It has been a long time since I've written through the paper to the dear ones over there. We are thankful to God for help over here in Grand Turk as we have a hard fight with the devil. All the people believe in pleasure—dancing, etc. Pray much for us here; we are living in a fearful time. I pray that God will send an old time revival here. Sister Moore is here with us. We also have two young men in our group who have just started out. I hope next time it will be a report of victory. Pray that we will yield not to the tempter. Pray for our work—Mrs. Sarah E. Tucker.

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The state Y. P. E. and Sunday school convention of Kansas convened at Pittsburg, Kansas, May 31-June 1.

This convention opened Saturday night with a well-arranged program by our state superintendent, Sister Anna Volk. This was the first convention of this kind ever in Kansas. The Coffeyville church presented a very impressive play, "Conversation With Death," after which Brother Henry, our state overseer, brought a message. Several came to the altar seeking God.

On Sunday morning Sister Volk made a talk to the convention on Y. P. E. and Sunday school. Brother Henry brought a message. All the Sunday schools and Y. P. E's in Kansas are growing and doing a great work. Kansas is truly a great field to work in, the harvest is ripe and laborers are few. The church at Independence has both Sunday school and Y. P. E. state banners. We love and appreciate our state superintendent, Sister Volk. Pray for us in Kansas.—Rev. W. R. Collins, convention clerk.

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In the U. S. Army

Dear Evangel Readers: I thank the Lord this evening for what He has been to me. I thank Him for His love and tender mercy. I know if it had not been for the good Lord I could not have carried on as far as I have. Dear souls, I have much to praise Him for. We should be thankful that we still live in a land of free worship. Oh my, how thankful we should be! The time is coming when we won't have this freedom of religious worship.

Most of you have read my testimonies in the Evangel before. Dear ones, I can say it from the heart. In the army and navy and other defense units we have some of the best officers and men, some are Christians and some are not, but it is the hardest place in the world to try to live for God. One meets with so many who are serving the devil and do not care anything about God. They are wrapped up in the things of this world and wanting to get drunk and all that they are looking for is a good time here.

I know there are mothers scattered over this land and country of ours who have boys in this army and I know that some mothers are praying for their boys, mothers who are praying to God for their sons to be saved before it is too late and maybe her boy or her husband not even thinking about God, probably somewhere around some liquor store drinking his money away or maybe in some gambling game. I have seen lots of them doing that, and maybe their mother or wife back home would like very much to have some of the money they were throwing away. Of course, the army is not to blame for this for we have the highest standard of any in the world. Mothers, pray much for your boy wherever he may be.

Please pray for me for I am not as firm in the Lord as I should be, for we meet with the enemy in so many different ways here and being just one by yourself who believes in God in a very large crowd that does not even think about God, surely makes it hard for one to live right sometimes in spite of all he can do. I need His shielding hand over me to protect me. Pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost.

I thank everyone for the many letters I have received. Also pray for my wife, she has the Holy Ghost. I am here in the army and she in Mississippi with her people. It is so hard to be separated from your loved ones. Remember us.—Private Vardaman Dyson, Battery (B), 20th F. A. Bn., Fort Benning, Ga.

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HICKORY FLAT, Miss.—I thank God for healing me of a stomach trouble. I thank Him for all His goodness to me and my family, for He has come to our aid so many times. Please continue to pray for my mother who is no better.

I thank all who wrote me in answer to my request for prayer and sent handkerchiefs.—Mrs. Emma Thompson, Rt. 3, Box 61.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE PARSONAGE, BECKLEY, W. VA.

In the ministers' meeting held in Beckley, October 24, 25, the ministers selected a committee to build or purchase a state parsonage and headquarters. On May 1, 1941, this committee authorized the purchase of the above pictured property, which is located at 1537 Harper Road in the city of Beckley.

It has six rooms, breakfast nook, bath, steam heat, all hardwood floors and hardwood finish throughout, and a full-size daylight basement in which three or four comfortable rooms could be easily built and still have plenty of basement space.

May 16 the state overseer moved into the parsonage.

Louisiana State Convention, July 3-6 at Covington, La.

Revivals And Their Results

BLUEFIELD, W. Va.—A wonderful three weeks' revival was conducted here at the new church by Sister Bernice Tackett, of Logan, W. Va. Truly God was in our midst. Eleven were saved, nine sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water and five added to the church. Sunday night we observed the Lord's supper and feet washing, which brought showers of blessings. Although our church is large, we were unable to seat the people.

We praise the Lord for our L. W. W. B. which has proved a great blessing to the church. Our Sunday school is new, but last Sunday there were a hundred and two present. Our church will be a year old the last Sunday in June. We had our first service in our new church Sunday before New Year's. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister G. C. Smith; they have been a blessing to us. Please tune in WHIS, 1440 kc., Bluefield, W. Va., each Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4:00 o'clock for our broadcast, which comes direct from the church.—Mrs. Irene Boothe, clerk, Bluefield, Va.

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JOHNSTON CITY, Illinois.—A three weeks' revival came to a close here May 11 by observing the Lord's supper and feet washing. Seven were saved, three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church.

A group of workers from the Church of God at Benton helped us so much. We are at a loss to know how to express the good these people did in this revival. The Y. P. E. orchestra of Benton, headed by their president, Brother Harves, rendered the music each evening, which everyone enjoyed.

Rev. Stanley Joplin is pastor of these good people who came and helped us. He was with us as much as possible. Johnston City church was down and had to have some help. Benton came and bound the wounds, poured in the oil and now we are recovering. We have some good saints here in Johnston City who are working and praying and God is answering our prayers.—Leonard Newton, pastor, 1111 N. Monroe.

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REDBOILING SPRINGS, Tenn.—A good revival, conducted by Brother Odis Smith, pastor at Black Oak church, came to a close here May 8. The Lord greatly blessed Brother Smith. Brother Roy Dagnan, pastor and district overseer, was with us four nights. The Dagnan sisters helped in the singing. Brother Smith is a powerful man, and a good singer and musician. We are looking forward to another revival. Pray for us here at Redboiling Springs.—Carl Harpe, clerk.

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COWAN CREEK, Ky. — A three weeks' meeting has just been held at Cowan Creek, below Whitesburg, Ky. This is a new place for holiness. Only one professed in this meeting, but we look forward. Prior to this we were at East Jenkins where Brother Guthrie had opened the way. We stayed two weeks there. Nine or ten were saved, four sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Guthrie set a new church in order here. We are in a revival now at Crab Orchard.—E. R. Waller, Fork Ridge, Tenn.

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ADRIA, Va.—A four and a half weeks' revival, conducted by Rev. W. T. Moorefield, pastor of the church, was held in the new church at Adria. Twenty-three were saved, nineteen sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-three received into the church and twenty-nine baptized in water.

This is a new field of service for the Church of God and there are great opportunities for a good work here. In the revival a large number of young folks were saved. On Saturday night, May 3, a Young People's Endeavor was organized with thirty members enrolled. There is a fine new church building here and everyone appreciates it. This church was made possible by the prayers and faithful work of the saints and the fine cooperation and offerings of the people. We thank God for this.

Much praise and thanks are being given to the Lord for our good pastor and his dear wife. The work is moving on in the Lord and we are looking for His soon advent.—Effie Fletcher, Bishop, Va.

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LaGRANGE, Ga. — The Church of God has just closed a revival with Mrs. J. P. Green, of Thomaston, Ga., doing the preaching. A number prayed through to old time salvation, nine received the Holy Ghost. The church had a substantial gain in membership. We recently bought the pastor, Rev. P. V. Perkins, a new suit. The church is up one hundred per cent with the Church program. We have one of the very best pastors in the Church of God. Brother Vance Perkins and his wife are loved by every one. Sister Perkins is our choir leader. We have a broadcast every Sunday morning from 8:30 until 9:00 on station WLAG, LaGrange, Ga. We desire the prayers of every one that we might have another wonderful revival soon. We have one of the best Sunday schools in the State of Georgia. We also thank the Lord for that.—R. E. Helton, 521 Jefferson St.

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LEPANTO, Ark.—We have just closed a young people's revival at our church. Brothers Mauldin Ray and Harold Moore were with us a few nights and did some wonderful preaching. Brother Oscar L. May, our state Y. P. E. superintendent, then preached for about ten nights, bringing some soul-stirring messages. Seven were saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and five baptized in water.

We closed the revival with an all-day service—home-coming and mission rally—the third Sunday in May. We had a large crowd and a great day in the Lord. Brother Burroughs and family attended the home-coming. All were stirred by the wonderful message Brother Burroughs delivered at the 11:00 o'clock hour.—Rev. W. C. Howard, pastor.

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HAGAN, Ga.—We praise the Lord for the glorious revival conducted here by Brother H. T. Thompson. Three were reclaimed, seven saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church and four baptized in water. Brother Thompson's wife is also a wonderful worker. We thank the Lord for them. —Otis Roberts, Clayton, Ga.

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BEAUFORT, S. C.—We have just closed a revival here. Six were saved, five sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. Brother Billy Sunday Myers was here with us. We enjoyed his services very much. We are very young down here. We have purchased a lot for a church and have already started it. We desire your prayers for the Lord to continue to bless here.—Mrs. F. Mason.

REVIVALS AND THEIR RESULTS–Continued

ECCLES, W. Va.—We are happy for the recent revival conducted by Sister Nettie Hall, of Thornton, Ky., in which eleven were saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and five added to the church.—Rosa Carter, clerk.

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MONTCALM, W. Va.—A wonderful revival was conducted by Rev. Clell Ray. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Twenty were saved, nineteen sanctified, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine baptized in water and fifteen added to the church. The church in general was helped greatly. Brother Ray is a wonderful preacher.—Marcelle Honaker.

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JEFFERSON, Iowa.—A gracious revival closed here June 6 with Brother D. E. Boatwright, of Lynnville, Iowa, as our evangelist. His messages were intelligently and powerfully preached, and some profound subjects occupied the people's attention from night to night. Several were blessed definitely—some reclaimed, two received the Holy Ghost. A good feature of the meeting was several cases of healing. One man was scheduled for a very serious operation at Iowa City State Hospital but due to God's providence He was delayed, and not only did God delay him from going to the hospital, but He completely healed him. On Memorial Day we had an all-day fellowship meeting along with the revival. God blessed mightily throughout the day. Brother J. L. Goins, our overseer, preached in the morning, Brother Ancil Newton of Knoxville, Iowa, spoke in the afternoon, after which we went to the river where thirteen were baptized. Four were baptized later, making seventeen altogether. In the evening a $103.00 mission offering was raised for our camp-meeting offering, and seven affiliated with the Church of God. After this Brother Boatwright preached a powerful sermon. We praise God for His manifestations of mercy and power to us at Jefferson.—A. H. Thompson, pastor.

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WAKE FOREST, N. C.—Praise God for the good revival He gave us. Brother Latimer, who was in charge, was at his best. While he was with us sixteen were saved, sixteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and others have prayed through since he had to leave. We also took six in the church.—D. H. Delk, pastor.

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WINDSOR, Ont.—Our revival which was conducted in April was a success in many ways. The church was blessed and some souls prayed through to definite experiences. There have been seven saved since we came here. We expect to begin another revival soon, so pray for us. Our crowds are small and the majority of unsaved which came were saved.—M. L. Lowe, pastor.

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FENDER, Ga.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me and for what He is doing here at Union Grove. The Lord has met with us in a great way. Our revival closed May 18, lacking from Sunday night until Wednesday night running five weeks. The Lord surely blessed all the way through, especially the last three weeks. Brother Broome and Brother Cleghorn were with us the last three weeks. They did the preaching what time the Lord didn't take hold in such a way that we didn't have to have any preaching. They were surely faithful in every way. I believe the Lord just sent them to Union Grove for we didn't know they were coming. Seven were saved, eight sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost during the revival and one since the revival, three reclaimed, nine added to the church, and ten baptized in water, for which we truly thank the Lord.

We thank the Lord for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Floyd. We believe they are true soldiers for God. I thank the Lord for the Evangel and what it means to me.—Miss Flora Pitts.

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COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—An old-fashioned four weeks' revival in the big new state tent at Cookeville, Tenn., closed Sunday night, June 8. Rev. C. M. Newman, our state evangelist, did the preaching. Every message was good. The church is greatly encouraged to press on. One was saved, one reclaimed and many seekers in the altar. We closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing and a good fellowship meeting. We praise God for a man of God like Brother Newman; he is doing a great work for God. We had Rev. Odis Smith a few nights; he was a great help in the meeting, also Sister Kilgore and many other visitors helped in the service. We are looking forward for God to bless in a great way, so pray for us.—Roy Dagnan, district pastor, 904 E. Spring St.

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MARKED TREE, Ark.—We have just closed a revival here with Brother Oscar L. May, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday school superintendent, doing the preaching. About nineteen were saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and three baptized in water. The revival began May 18 and ran through June 8. It was a great blessing to all. We learned to love and appreciate Brother May for his humble, submissive spirit unto the Lord and his bold stand for the truth. We pray God's blessings upon him and his ministry. Pray for us here, that we will carry on for Jesus.—Nadyne Clouse.

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BURRVILLE, Tenn. — A wonderful two weeks' revival closed here at Brewstertown with Sisters Ursell and Opal Brummett, of Knoxville, Tenn., as evangelists. Nine were saved and one added to the church. The church was also revived. We have a wonderful Sunday school with about sixty attendance, also a wonderful Y. P. E.—The pastor, Rev. C. T. Clark.

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We have just closed a successful revival at Cross Keys Church of God where twelve were gloriously saved, five sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. The power of God was present in every service and many were blessed and drawn nearer to God. Sister Edna Kipe was our evangelist and God surely blessed her and her efforts to bring the Word to a lost and dying world. She preached some very good messages, for which we thank God. She also held a revival at Bunker Hill where we feel much good was done. The Addleberger girls from near Waynesboro, were with us three different nights. They did some very fine singing which was a good help in the service. Thank God for children who are willing to spend their time for God. May God bless them is our prayer. May God bless those at Cross Keys. Every one who reads this, remember us in prayer at Cross Keys.—Leader, Sarah Clayton, Perulack, Pa.

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HICKORY N. C.—I thank the Lord for the good, old time, Pentecostal revival we had here in Hickory. Brother Glenn Weatherby, of Texas, a graduate of B.T.S. this year, was our evangelist. God wonderfully anointed him with inspiring messages that brought penitent seekers to the altar. We prayed and asked God to send us the right man and we feel sure God directed this young man of God to Hickory. Many were saved, several sanctified and many prayed through to a Holy Ghost experience. The whole church was strengthened. Some seekers who had tarried and prayed for the Holy Ghost from revival to revival fell into the altar while the waters were troubled and came out shouting, dancing and speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Truly we can say this was one of the best revivals we have had here in Hickory and feel sure we shall see fruits of this revival lasting when Jesus comes. Pray for us.—George W. Holt, Shuford Rur. Sta., Box 26.

Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

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God to heal, save and place that "go ye" spirit in my husband again. He was a preacher and backslid so the same disease he had before he was saved has come back on him; God to help me.—Mrs. J. W. Warner, Farmersville, Tex.

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The healing of my head of sinus trouble and that my hearing may be restored; my husband and me to get salvation.—Mrs. M. L. Mann, Perdido, Ala.

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The healing of my body and saving of my soul.—Ual Thomas, Lake City, Fla.

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Me to be healed of T. B., the doctors are fixing to send me to the hospital in Orland, Fla.—Mrs. Addie Braint, White Springs, Fla.

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God to undertake for my home, my children and me.—Mrs. Daisy Dotson, Rt. 2, Hixson, Tenn.

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The healing of Sister Alma Wolfe, she is very sick.—Lois Wright, Jasper, Ala.

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The healing of my baby's arm, it was hurt when she was born. — Mrs. Lucille Lewis, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.

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The healing of my body.—Elizabeth Kidd, Prestonsburg, Ky.

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The healing of my body, I had an operation and haven't been well since; the healing of my daughter.—G. C. Preston, Box 141, Hobe Sound, Fla.

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My body to be completely healed.—W. T. Pearson, Rt. 1, Box 64, Pikeville, Tenn.

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Mrs. Art Moore, Whitwell, Tenn., to be healed, body and mind.—Mrs. Tillman Bane, Whitwell, Tenn.

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The healing of my head; the healing of my daughter, Minnie Waller, she is in a serious condition.—Jennie Carter, Rt. 1, Box 12, Granville, Tenn.

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The healing of a bad ulcer on my jaw bone, caused from a bruise. I think it is turning to a cancer.—C. W. L. Martin, Rt. 2, Post, Tex.

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The healing of my father of high blood pressure and rheumatism; the healing of my daughter who has appendicitis and stomach trouble.—Mrs. E. C. Adcock, Rt. 2, Adairsville, Ga.

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My husband's health to be restored, his eyes to be healed and his hearing to be restored and he has bad stomach trouble; my son to be healed of kidney trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Wright, Belgrade, Mo.

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The healing of my brother, Arthur Crawford, who got shot about three months ago; the healing of my side.—Miss Kallie Crawford, Rt. 1, Byington, Tenn.

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The healing of my head of sinus trouble, I am also losing my hearing.—Mrs. Rosa Vaughan, Harlan, Ky.

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God to undertake for my daughter in California.—Mrs. G. Laddewsaw, Gen. Del., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Sister Bessie Hanley, Belton, S. C., who is in a weak, run-down condition and also has other diseases to be healed.—Mrs. Mabel Hembree, Belton, S. C.

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The healing of my body.—Mrs. Winnifred Parara, James Hill P. O., Clarendon, Jamaica, British West Indies.

TO THE SICK

Clevia Collett, Talbott, Tenn.

Then be content, poor heart,
God's plans like lilies pure and white unfold,
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the chalices of gold.
And when, with patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet with sandals loosed may rest,
There shall we clearly see and understand and be content,
Poor heart, God knoweth best.

The healing of my body, I am very sick and the doctor says I have pellagra.—Evangelist Lake Erie Pahl, Wyoming, W. Va.

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The healing of our daughter; a sister in Christ who is very weak with tumor of the stomach. Unless God undertakes she won't be here long.—Mrs. W. M. Byrd, Perdido, Ala.

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The healing of my body, I have been sick over three years.—Lee S. Swinford, Rt. 4, Fayetteville, Tenn.

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The healing of a neighbor's body, Mrs. Leroy McNeely.—Sister Annie Robertson, Casar, N. C.

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The healing of a sister, Mrs. Lydia Blaine, Dayton, Ohio, who is seriously ill in the hospital.—Mrs. E. Collins, Sidney, Ohio.

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The healing of my body.—Mrs. J. M. Payne, Culberson, N. C.

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The healing of my foot; urgent unspoken request.—W. Edgar, Lansing, Mich.

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The healing of Sister Alta Burkholder who is seriously ill.—Rev. J. W. Shaw, pastor, Newville, Pa.

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My mother to be healed of a severe cough and kidney trouble and above all to be saved; my daddy to be healed of asthma; my husband, mother-in-law, to be saved and healed of kidney trouble; me to be healed, I am in a run-down condition.—Mrs. G. A. Thrash, 49 Central Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.

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My baby to be healed.—James Bostic, Valley Creek, Tenn.

Requests

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — The Lord saved, sanctified and baptized me with the good Holy Ghost about sixteen years ago. I prayed and lived close to the Lord for about seven or eight years. I have failed to keep up my praying and warn the lost souls. Now my victory is gone. I know the Lord has not turned me loose, but I know I must move up if I get to go back with the Lord when He comes. When I start to pray that old discouraging spirit comes up before me so strong it seems like I can never get victory back in my soul. I am in need of prayer so please pray for me. I believe Jesus is coming soon and I want to be ready. I have a good Christian husband and thank the Lord for him. Pray for our children to be saved. If I could get my victory back like I once had I would work and do what the Lord wanted me to do. Please, every saint of God, pray for us. I would like to get some encouraging letters from the saints of God.—Mrs. Lydia Bellomy, Rt. 1.

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EARLY BRANCH, S. C. — Dear Evangel Readers and Saints, pray for my son in the army that he will be saved. If there are any saints or preachers in reach of Fort Benning, Ga., please call to see him. His name and address is Russell Harvey, Co. L, 8th Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga. Pray that I may get near the Lord and that my son in Charleston, S. C., will stand true till Jesus comes. Pray for my little boy and girl. May God bless everyone who reads this.—Mrs. Helen Harvey, Rt. 1, Box 27.

Praise and Thanksgiving

NEELY, Miss. — We thank God for victory. We have been in a wonderful all-day service at Neely. The Lord blessed every speaker and everyone who was present. This is a new work at Neely and our pastor at Buffalo, Brother J. W. Scruggs, has it in charge.

This day's service was given in behalf of the church at Buffalo to help raise our church quota, $1.00 per member. Brother E. J. Walton conducted the services. The Lord gave him a wonderful message on "Missions" and it reached the hearts of the people. We got a good sum over our quota. Truly we praise and thank God for the presence of His Spirit and for the good offering and food which He blessed us with. Pray much for us at Buffalo and Neely. This is only a small mission at Neely. Pray much that we may get a church there; it is a ripe field.—Jett Breland, McLain, Miss.

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PALMETTO, Fla.—Praise God for His love and mercy to me. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost who abides now. I have trusted Him for both soul and body and find in Him all I need. I praise Him for healing my little girl last week. He also healed me. Praise His name!—Mrs. A. N. Daniel, Box 445.

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VALDOSTA, Ga.— I praise my Redeemer for good old time salvation, also for touching my body two weeks ago. I know if the Lord hadn't come on the scene I would have crossed over Jordan's chilly tide. We have a wonderful Savior and really I'm afraid we don't trust Him and praise Him as we should. My earnest desire and prayer is for a closer walk with my Lord and to be a blessing to some poor, hungry soul along the way. Remember me in your prayers.—Mrs. W. D. McGlashan, 401 Floyd St.

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I praise the Lord for what He is to me. He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me holy and I have a desire to go on with the Lord.

We thank God for our overseer, Rev. Carl J. Hughes, who was present with us on Tuesday, April 22. Brother Sims, of Nassau, also our ex-overseer, Brother Daniel T. Miller, of White House rode their bicycles and arrived here about three o'clock. We welcomed them into our home and did our best to make them comfortable. After getting a rest we were all ready for the seven o'clock service. It being his first visit on Long Island, words cannot express how much we loved him. For really, Brother Hughes is a real man of God.

On Wednesday morning at nine o'clock they left here en route for the Bight. The saints here were encouraged to press on. The inspiring message he brought will long linger in the minds of those who attended. Thank God, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. We wish our dear brother Godspeed and we hope he will come back to us soon.—One who loves the Church and its teachings, Elfreeda Knowles, Deadman's Cay, Long Island, Bah.

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WORCESTER, Mass.—I am a young girl in my teens. I sprained my wrist, which became paralyzed. While attending a fellowship meeting I was prayed for and the Lord healed me. — Miss Helen Kayes.

P. S. I know this young lady personally and was a witness to this marvelous healing.—Rev. Gerald Searles, 12½ Benefit St.

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A Testimony for the Glory of God

GILROY, Calif.—Thanks be to our loving Master this afternoon. On April 6, at the Frizmore, Calif., convention, I asked Brother R. P. Johnson to pray for a cancer on my neck and he did. The Lord wonderfully touched that thing and it is almost gone. It had been there about twelve years, having developed from an ulcer. I have been a member of the Church of God since 1926 and do love the Church and her teachings.—Mrs. Lillie Smith.

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COLLINS, Ga.—Praise God for salvation which we have had twelve years. It gets more real every day. We met with the saints last Saturday night and the Lord surely blessed and encouraged us to keep holding on. We need your prayers.—W. E. Webber and wife.

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TOCCOA, Ga.—Praise God for victory in my soul. I have the Holy Ghost abiding now. I praise Him for the Church of God and for you who will take time to pray for those needing help from the Lord. Some weeks ago I sent in a request for husband's head and throat and for a cancer, I suppose, on my own body. I had this affliction for three years or more. Somebody touched the hem of His garment in our behalf. Husband hasn't had sneezing, smothering spells since you prayed through and sent anointed cloths to lay on his body. God wonderfully touched both of us. I thank God for the Evangel, for Brother Walker and all the staff. Our pastor's mother, Sister Godwin, is a real saint of God. Her body is badly afflicted, so pray earnestly for her. She also has a sister in Alabama with T.B. who needs prayer badly. Our oldest daughter has had throat trouble, so pray for her to be healed and go on deeper in the Lord. She needs to be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I know He is able.—Mrs. Loy Purdy, Rt. 1.

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HUGO, Okla.—Dear Saints of God, we are still going on for God here in Hugo. We are proud of our little church; the Lord is wonderfully blessing. Our convention was held May 16-18. Our state overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister Wood, were with us. Brother Wood was in charge of the convention. Sister Wood brought the Sunday morning message and it was really food to my soul. We all love Brother and Sister Wood and hope to have them back with us in the near future.

We also had the good pastor and his wife and saints from Paris, Tex., in our convention, also Brother Davis and others from other places in Texas. We hope to have them visit us again.

Our convention closed mid-afternoon Sunday. Brother and Sister Wood left for home and didn't get to be with us Sunday night. We surely had a wonderful service Sunday night. The Holy Ghost took charge of the service and our pastor didn't get to preach. The Lord certainly blessed. One lady who had been going to the Church of God of late got so happy Sunday night she shouted and danced. She told me it was the first time she had been close enough to the Lord to shout and dance for sixteen years. Dear hearts, it is wonderful what the Lord will do for us if we will only stay true to Him.

We love our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Charles M. Barrett. He is also our district pastor. We have a new parsonage of which we are very proud and we are giving God the glory for it. Please pray for us here in Hugo that the Lord will keep blessing. Pray for me that I will be humble and stay true.—Ida Sickles, clerk, 224 North B. St.

Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

THE BAHAMA ISLANDS CAMP MEETING

CARL J. HUGHES, Overseer

On the 8th of June we closed what was said to be the best meeting that the Bahama Islands has ever had, and this meeting began on the 1st of June and lasted until the 8th. The last night of this camp meeting some of our ministers said there were at least 1,000 people there. Our large church on Fowler Street was filled, and people were standing inside the building, and outside the lot around the church was filled with people. We had the most blessed time of our life for eight days and nights, and every afternoon we had service that was largely attended. Please let me tell you that I have never been in any service where God was any more real than at this camp meeting in Nassau. We had a special healing service every night and many people were healed. The altar was filled every night with people crying out to God for help, and many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost every night. We feel that it is impossible to tell just how God did work in this camp meeting, and people who are in no way connected with the Church of God said this was the best meeting they have ever seen in the Bahama Islands.

Best Fellowship Ever Known in Church of God in Nassau, Bahamas

It was said by our ministers and the ministers of other churches that this was the best fellowship they have ever enjoyed since God saved them and called them into His work, and just to let you know how good it really was, I will just tell you of some ministers and churches that took part in this camp meeting. First, we were so happy to have our good friends and brothers and sisters of the Assembly of God Church to take part in this great meeting, and Brother Earl W. Weech, the pastor, and Brother Vivian Weech, the

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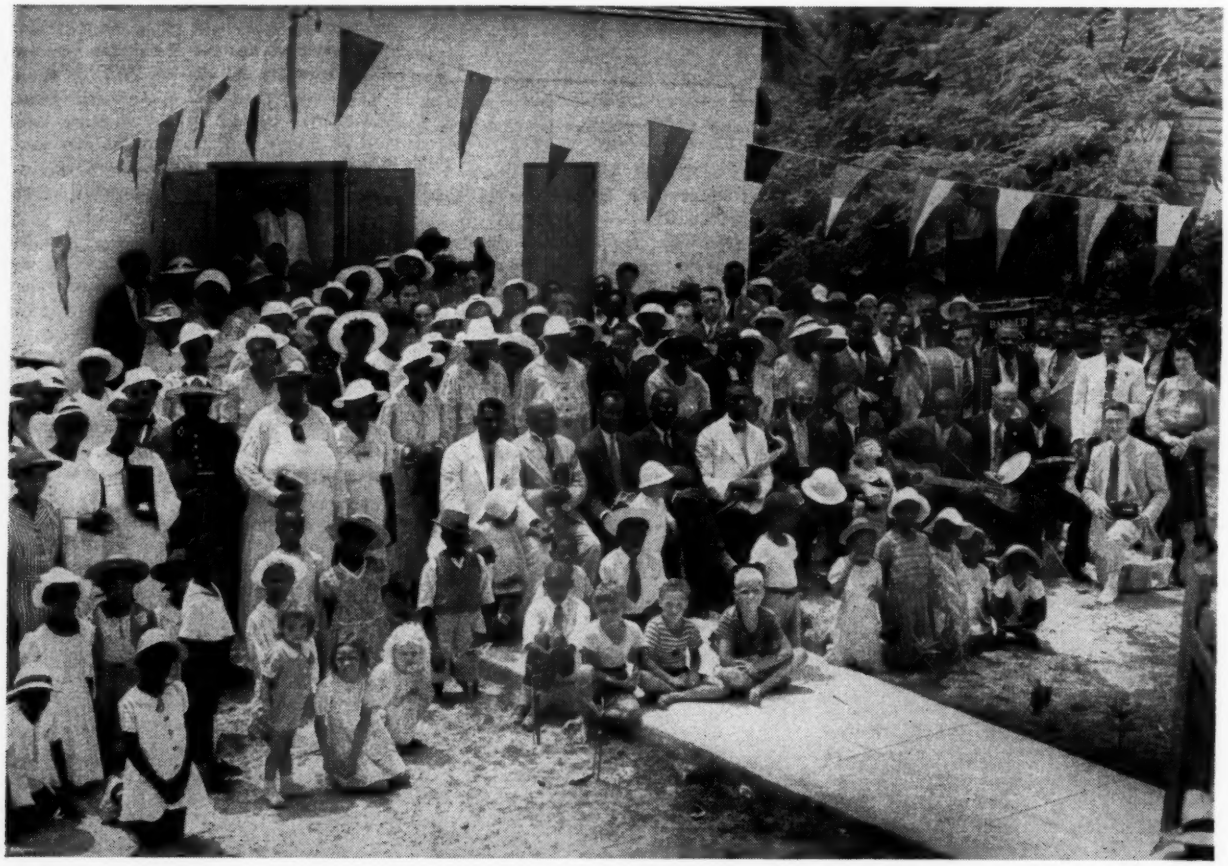

Part of the 1,000 people that attended the camp meeting in Nassau, Bahamas, B. W. I.

The Flying Colors of My Other Country

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be stamped into the dirt by an enemy and its possessors humiliated beyond our previous expectations, but not so with the flying colors of my *other* country. The devil can set the day for bombardment time after time but the heavenly Banner can never be brought down. No force, no power, no influence can overpower God's Kingdom, nor bring to a sudden end the work of the Kingdom which God has ordained to be carried on. There are enemies a-plenty, but enemies have never really checked the growth of the population which will soon fill the city of that better country hoped for by father Abraham. (Heb. 11.)

Today we are organizing our boys to defend the flag of our nation and the liberty it stands for, at any cost. Likewise, let us lift up the hands that hang down and prepare for the final defense of the gospel we preach. Let us bravely draw the attention of mankind—sinners, mockers, scoffers and all, to the undefeated Banner of the Cross.

I am here reminded of the infidel who, coming to a city, spent an hour and a half or two hours endeavoring to tear down faith in Christianity, using no uncertain terms in his tongue-lashing of the principles for which we stand. The vast audience sat spellbound, some crushed in feeling, some delighted by the arguments and conclusions of the speaker.

Bringing his speech to a close, the infidel challenged the vast audience and offered opportunity for anybody who would have the grit and nerve to defend the gospel he had abused by word and mouth. For several moments the big crowd hung on the thread of silence, no one daring to arise to the defense. But in the bosoms of two little girls who loved the story of Jesus, two little hearts were thumping loudly, and they felt that somebody should do something quickly. Nobody seemed to want to do something, however, except them. They couldn't lecture or debate; that they knew. But they could at least sing. So down the aisle they went, one little girl clasping tightly the hand of her sister. And there on the platform those two sweet darlings rose to their full height and with childish voices and accents began singing: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross." What was torn down by the enemy was built up in less time than it takes to say so, as the tears began to flow and the hearts began to melt under the influence of two babes in Christ who rose to the defense. It is no wonder that the infidel dropped his head and left the platform, back stage at once.

Individually, we may not be able to do much, but we may be able to do the little that is necessary at the time. And one thing is certain, that together and united we are well able to rise to the defense and point the whole world to the flying colors of our *other* country.

Liberty

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know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." This is the freedom known and realized when we become spiritually enlightened. What the air is to the bird and what water is to the fish so the truth of God is to our minds. Truth is indispensable to our lives. There can be no liberty of thought without the love of truth, that quickening and ennobling love which longs for truth, not as the gratification of curiosity, not as the pledge of fame, not as the monument of victory, but rather as that without which the mind can never be at rest or find the meaning and the fulness of its own life.

We can only have liberty, freedom of utterance, holy boldness, and pleasure in the presence of God when guilt and defilement have been purged from our lives. "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" is essential to enter into the presence of the holiest of all. This, of course, is only possible through the blood of the cross. As men yield themselves to God's will, they are proportionately endowed with God's liberty. The greatest men of our nation have been men of religion. What all the secret political societies in the world may fail to do, that the gospel will accomplish simply and easily if only it is once let free. The truth as it is, if spread through India, will break India's caste system and make brothers of the highest and lowest ranks of men. Let the truth only win its way among the nations of Europe, and the tyrannies shall depart, "for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

We are commanded not to use our liberty "for a cloke of maliciousness" (1 Peter 2:16). We have in our nation today men who are disloyal, unfaithful to the true principles of our government, men who infringe upon the rights of others, destroying the lives and property of others, disrespecting the institutions, but excusing themselves nevertheless, through the glorious privileges of our Constitution. Likewise, there are some people whose names are on the church books, but their purposes apparently are to enjoy the many benefits afforded, without knowing the full blessings of real freedom. In that day when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, the rebels of all nations and institutions will be utterly destroyed and the opposing forces of hell will eternally be blotted out. God's people will then enjoy forever and ever eternal freedom.

Editorially Speaking

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Ideals Too Low

There can be no ideals for an individual, a group or a nation than those which are based upon God's Word. A Japanese traveler once called upon the celebrated Russian Count Tolstoy. When the count asked his visitor what were the ideals of his nation, the Japanese replied, "Reverence for the emperor and love of the country," to which the sturdy old Russian answered, "Too low, too low. There is no hope for a nation that does not love God and that has no religion for a basis." The greatest hope for America is the fact that she does acknowledge God. A Chinese diplomat was once visiting in this country, seeking to know more of America's ethics and religion. Upon his return he was asked what he thought of the great country which he had just visited, to which he replied, "I think America has the highest ideals and comes the fartherest short of their realization of any country in the world." It is great to know of God and to know God, but the best proof that people have found Him is that they serve Him. Such service is proved in the everyday lives of men and women who have been made new creatures by His acceptance.

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Faith of Our Fathers

The Declaration of Independence concludes with this sentence, "And for the support of this declaration; with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." It is well for us to remember that the founders of this republic were men of strong religious convictions. That they had faith in God and put "a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" is clearly shown.

Convention News

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the mission offering alone would tell. Could you have heard his earnest plea you would not wonder that all present had more of a desire to raise money for our foreign fields. If nothing else was derived from the convention, I think we have been well paid for any effort we may have put forth to further the success of the convention.—Jane Curry Prichard, clerk.

The person who has learned how and has humbled his heart has made the most important step possible for him to make to enable him to learn everything else God wants him to know.

Mission Page

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assistant pastor, and Brother Winton Simms, all gave us some real good sermons during the camp meeting. We were also happy to have some Baptist ministers, also some missionaries from other churches, to take part in this meeting and their services we surely did enjoy. Now there is one thing that all of our people and all of the other churches did while at this camp meeting that made it a great time of fellowship for us, and that was we forgot our church affiliations and just worshiped the Lord.

What Some of Our Ministers Said About The Camp Meeting

Our ministers seem to be very free to tell me how much they enjoyed this great feast, how much they appreciated these services, and how much good they felt was done during this camp meeting. Bro. W. R. Franks, our assistant overseer, said, "This is the best meeting we have had since our last camp meeting about 1914." Brother W. V. Eneas said, "Brother Hughes, we have never had anything in the Bahamas like this camp meeting, and I want you to know that this is tops." Brother P. H. Patton, the pastor of our Fowler Street church, said, "Brother Hughes, I have never been in anything just like this, and I tell you this is great." Yes, brother and sister, this was indeed a great camp meeting, and our people here in the Bahamas would have been so glad to have one of our general officials or one of the Mission Board with us for this meeting, but they were all busy and could not come over here at this time but we were sure that they were praying for God to bless our camp meeting, and He surely did just that.

Our Publishing House, Bible School, and Orphans Homes Were Brought to Our People in the Bahamas During This Camp Meeting

One of the most outstanding and one of the most blessed services during our camp meeting was on Saturday night, June 7, when we showed to our people their Publishing House, Bible School, and Orphans Homes in Cleveland, Tenn. Oh, my brother, if you could have been here and seen our people that have never been able to see their Headquarters building, Bible School, and Orphans Homes as you have, and seen the shouts and heard the praises coming from our people after seeing these pictures, I am sure it would have done your hearts lots of good. And many of the people that attended this service said, "Why, I did not know that the Church of God had all of these things, and that it had advanced that much to have such a Publishing House and Bible School and Orphans Homes."

Report of Y.P.E. and S. S. Work in New Mexico

We have just completed a three weeks' trip over the state in interest of the Young People's Endeavor and Sunday school work.

First we visited Jal in a fellowship meeting. Brother L. C. Pennington is pastor there and is doing a splendid work in the Y. P. E. as well as other parts of the church. Then on to Hobbs we went for an all-day fellowship meeting. Brother Ford had announced we would be with them for several nights in meetings. We had a wonderful time there for almost two weeks. Three were saved and two filled with the good Holy Ghost. We went on up the state to Clayton. Brother Stewart made us welcome in his home. We were there for two nights' services. Brothers Jack Truitt and Dean Russ were there in a revival. We came south again to Melrose for one night's service, then on to Hot Springs and home. I must say we were very glad to make it back home safely. The melting snows in the mountains and the most rainfall the state had had in years contributed to the worst flood New Mexico has had in some time. We were towed across a deep, swift creek at one place and across a lake one-half mile wide over the road three feet deep. We were held in Melrose a day waiting for the flood to subside.

We do appreciate the good people of New Mexico and the good way they have helped us in our Y. P. E. and Sunday school work. The pastors have cooperated one hundred per cent in everything. Also, our good state overseer, Brother Ramsey, has been a real blessing and help to us. Thank the Lord for these good Church of God ministers; we are proud to be counted among them.

We believe that every rally and fellowship meeting was a success because the good Holy Ghost was manifested in our midst.—Hilton Vail, state superintendent of Sunday school and Y. P. E., Hot Springs, N. Mex.

Testimony

TIFTON, Ga.—I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and because I belong to the Church of God. I thank Him for His healing power, for the way He has kept me up to the present time. I thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing our efforts here at Union Grove in having Bible discussion for the young people on Saturday afternoons. People are being saved in these meetings. Please pray that we will continue to do the Lord's will.—Miss Doris Floyd, Rt. 2, Box 196.

My Sermonette

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I assure you. Don't condemn the practice, because it is in God's Word. Don't lay the thought aside until you have honestly and repeatedly tried it. It works, brother. You think that the attitude doesn't matter in the least. Perhaps not, but a real lover thinks that the attitude makes all the difference in the world. How do people enjoy a football game? By perfect physical abandonment, arms madly waving, voice wildly cheering. Crazy? Hardly. Their emotions are merely stirred. O friend, a child of God has one thousand more times a right to have his emotions stirred when he approaches the mercy seat. Confession of sins, repentance granted, a hell shunned, and heaven gained! Hallelujah! My spirit is shouting glory. Crazy? Well, hardly. "And his hands were steady until the going down of the sun." Exodus 17:12.

QUESTION BOX

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For complete information on apocalyptic and apocryphal literature see Encyclopedia Britannica, Volume 2, pages 101-108, and People's Bible Encyclopedia, pages 143-154.

ALMA, Ga.—Rev. H. H. Mathis conducted us a revival which closed May 27. Brother Mathis surely did some good preaching. He is loved by all here. Two were saved, one sanctified, two added to the church and the saints blessed. We hope to have another revival soon at New Lacy.—O. V. Brown, pastor, Rt. 3.

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MAKING HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Yes, it does pay to collect coupons for the orphanage. Just this week we received a nice check from the Colgate Palmolive Peet Company for $270.34, in return for a shipment of coupons. We also received a check for $51.13 for another shipment, in May, which has been sent in by our faithful workers on the field on this special drive. We will have another shipment ready to mail by the 30th of June, and we are expecting to receive more coupons, even yet, to include in this shipment.

The number of coupons which you will be able to collect may look small, but when all of our efforts are put together, great things can be accomplished We can make this coupon-collecting project one that will greatly help toward financing our orphanage work this year. Come on! Let's "make hay while the sun shines."

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★ DELKOGRAMS ★

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Golden Text For Lesson 13 *"OTHER foundation can no man lay than that is laid,"* 1 Cor. 3:11.

A foundation is the basis or lowest part of a structure; groundwork; the underlying PRINCIPLE or ORIGIN of anything.

The highest buildings need the LOWEST FOUNDATIONS.

Someone said that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Joseph was last to register, registering himself, then Mary, and baby Jesus last, which gave Jesus the lowest name, but now He is highly exalted and His name is above every name. Read Phil. 2:5-11.

Impatience lays a poor foundation. A squash (something easily crushed) can be grown in sixty days, but it takes fifty years for some oak trees.

Christ was our foundation before the foundation of the world. See Eph. 1:4; Rev. 13:8.

Patience and fortitude are close akin, must be SISTERS.

Job was not as miserable in his affliction as happy in his patience. He had a foundation to stand on in his adversity. See Job 1:5.

Psa. 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

The devil is blasting away with his well-trained legions of evolution and modernism and, with regret, I admit he is overthrowing the faith of some; but praise God His foundation is standing, STANDING SURE AND STEADFAST.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. And now is the time to put full trust in Him.

The engine on a boat once failed and endangered all on board. One old lady rushed up to the captain and asked, "Oh, is there any danger?" The captain said, "Madam, we must trust in God." "O sir," she wailed, "has it come to that?"

I say yes, it has come to that. It is time to seek (trust) the Lord.

Seasons, kingdoms, men and fashions FLUCTUATE, but Jesus (our foundation) is the same YESTERDAY, and TODAY, and FOREVER.

One old lady, in a runaway, said, "I trusted Providence till the breeching strap broke, then I didn't know what to do."

Oh, it's a serious time! This old world is going down hill at a rapid rate, the backing strap has broken, the BRAKES ARE BURNED OUT, A CRASH IS INEVITABLE.

Praise God for Nah. 1:7, "The Lord is good, a stronghold (sure foundation) in the day of trouble; and he knoweth (how to deliver) them that trust in him."

Liberality lays a good foundation. See 1 Tim. 6:17, 19.

"The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand," Isa. 32:8.

A woman said to her husband one day, "The cow is sick. Let's pray for her," and he said, "Have we got any FOUNDATION to stand on while we pray?" "What do you mean," she asked. He said, "I mean have you been liberal with your milk and butter?" She said, "Yes, I have." He said, "That's a good foundation, we will pray and God will heal our cow," AND GOD DID HEAL HER.

What about a man with a real cow who never thinks to give even his pastor any milk or butter?

"Oh," you say, "I give them milk but I first skim it." BLUE JOHN! OH! OH!

GO YOUR WAY, BROTHER, DEPART IN PEACE, BE WARM AND FULL. Is that enough?

It's cheap enough to say, "God help you."

"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire FRUIT THAT MAY ABOUND TO YOUR ACCOUNT," Phil. 4:17.

Self-preservation is the first law of nature (not GRACE).

I praise God for the foundation of the Church of God. Jesus said, On this ROCK I WILL BUILD, ETC. At times we may tremble, but this rock NEVER MOVES.

It is said that many years ago a man going west came to frozen over Mississippi, and he was reluctant to try to walk across. Finally he thought by creeping out on his hands and knees he could distribute his weight and be much safer. After he had gone creeping and trembling about half way across he heard the noise of four horses pulling a wagon load of coal, driven by a colored man singing as he went.

Say, brother, sister, you can straighten up and walk with confidence in the Church. If the devil has told you the Church of God is going down, you tell him HE'S A BIG OLD LIAR. The Church is on a rock, A SURE FOUNDATION. Read Isa. 28:16.

You, as an individual, may jump out of the ship, or off the rock, and go down, but if you'll give all diligence to add to your faith (foundation) virtue . . . *ye shall never fall.* 2 Pet. 1:5-10.

God Bless America

By E. L. Simmons

God bless America,
The land of liberty!
With truth and right her armor bright
From sea to shining sea.

God bless America,
The land of tranquil rest!
May veer the wrong in battle strong,
Destroy or molest.

God bless America!
May she in memory
Her faith retain, all else disdain,
To keep the victory.

And shall we e'er to God be true,
And ever for His blessings sue,
Trusting in Him to bring us through.
God bless America!

LIBERTY

This year the importance of the Fourth of July is emphasized by the affairs of the world. On this day we Americans observe the founding of a country that is unique among all nations. This uniqueness arises from the fact that the people of America are the government. They decide what is best for themselves. They make their own laws, govern their own conduct. They are free to think, act and live according to the dictates of their conscience. America achieves this goal of Liberty and Freedom in a way that satisfies a majority of its citizens. Its flag symbolizes these precepts and the happiness of its people typify America's great success.